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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 11, 2003, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on October 14, 2003 (October 11, 2003 being a Saturday and October 13, 2003 being a U.S. holiday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Request for Extension of Time.

X No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims: 20	20*	0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$0.00
Indep. Claims: 6	*6*	0	x 43=	\$	x 86=	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			145=	\$	+290=	\$0.00
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X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 CFR 1.136)(a)(3).

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